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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: DIRECT BROADCAST TELEVISION
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1. AUSTRIA (HOLZER) CHAIRED INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG WESTERN MEMBERS 14 JUNE. PROBLEM OF A SUITABLE CHAIRMAN FOR THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE TELEVISION DISCUSSIONS DURING THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE REMAINS UNRESOLVED. WHILE THERE HAD BEEN REFERENCE EARLIER TO POSSIBILITY OF A CANADIAN CHAIRMAN, (REFTEL A), EDMONDS REPORTED OTTAWA DOES NOT WISH TO ADVANCE A CANADIAN CANDIDACY BEFORE SEEING REPRESENTATION OF OTHER OSC MEMBERS AT VIENNA.

2. DALTON (UK) REPORTED ON 8 JUNE LONDON CONSULTATIONS AMONG WESTERN DELEGATIONS FOR WHICH UK INITIATIVE OTHERS PRESENT EXPRESSED WARM THANKS. HE SAID PRINCIPAL RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS
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HAD BEEN HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE DESIRABILITY OF CLOSE INTRO-WESTERN CONSULTATIONS DURING THE VIENNA SESSION. CANADA POINTED OUT THAT THE HISTORICAL REALITY HAS BEEN THE ABSENCE OF A SINGLE WESTERN POSITION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO AUSTRIAN (TUERCK) QUESTION, ITALY, CANADA, SWEDEN INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT A GUIDELINES PACKAGE THAT

WOULD RESOLVE THE CONSULTATION PRINCIPLE AND THE PREAMBLE
ALONG THE LINES OF THE FOUR CONDITIONS STATED IN THE
BRITISH AIDE-MEMOIRE OF 20 MAY (REFTEL B); AUSTRIA ALSO
STATED AGREEMENT. TUERCK ASSURED THAT UNDERSTANDABLE AUSTRIAN
DESIRE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A GUIDELINES PACKAGE AT FORTH-
COMING SESSION WOULD NOT LEAD THE GOA TO COMPROMISE ITS
FUNDAMENTAL OPPOSITION TO PRIOR CONSENT ALTHOUGH THEIR
POSITION WOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE ON DETAILS; E.G., THEY WOULD NOT
INSIST THAT THE GUIDELINES PREAMBLE MUST INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH ON
FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION PROVIDED THAT THE USSR WOULD FOREGO ITS
PARAGRAPH ON STRICT RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES AND NON-
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MEXICO/ROMANIA WOULD
SIMILARLY FOREGO THEIR PARAGRAPH CONCERNING LOFTY GOALS OF
PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP". IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY SWEDEN AND
ITALY, MISOFF STATED AS HIS PERSONAL OPINION--WHILE EXPLICITLY
RESERVING USG POSITION--THAT A NEGOTIATING RESULT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE BRITISH CONDITIONS COULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE CONCLUSION.
MISOFF SAID PRIORITY TASK AT VIENNA SHOULD BE TO TRY TO COME TO A
REASONED AND EARLY APPRAISAL OF USSR WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO
SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS.

4. SWEDEN MADE CLEAR THAT ITS PRINCIPAL PURPOSE AT VIENNA
WILL BE TO DELETE FROM THE GUIDELINES THE PRINCIPLE ON
CONSULTATION PROVISIONALLY AGREED IN THE 1976 LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE
SESSION PACKAGE BECAUSE OF THE SCANDANAVIAN/USSR SPILLOVER
PROBLEM. IT WAS AGREED THAT A BETTER PUBLIC POSITION WILL BE TO
REGARD THAT PRINCIPLE AS HAVING BEEN SUBSUMED OR CONSOLIDATED
INTO THE NEW CONSULTATIONS PRINCIPLE IF ONE CAN BE WORKED OUT.

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5. AUSTRIA INTENDS TO HOST A WESTERN GROUP
CONSULTATION IN VIENNA ON TUESDAY 21 JUNE AT 9:30 AM.
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